THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Amounts Sanctioned for Rural Development in Orissa

1215. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by Government for rural development to Orissa for the current financial year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated is quite meagre in view of the widespread damage caused by the super cyclone of last years; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) to (c) The Union Government has allocated an amount of Rupees 415.982 crore to Orissa for rural development during the current financial year, against Rs. 245.816 crore during 1999-2000. Thus the Central allocation for the current year has been substantially increased.

Rapid Rural Water Supply Programme in Uttar Pradesh

†1216. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise amount provided to Uttar Pradesh from the year 1997-98 till date under the Rapid Rural Water Supply Programme;

(b) whether any special funds have been provided for the hilly areas such as Uttaranchal for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.